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NEW SHOREHAM PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

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CHANCERY HOUSE,

SHOREHAM-by-SEA,

29th January, 1948.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report as Acting Medical Officer of Health for the year 1947, prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health.

During the past year 124 vessels, with a tonnage of 18,308 have arrived from foreign ports, and 830 coastwise vessels, with a tonnage of 292,543, have entered the Port. These figures compare with 36 foreign arrivals (5,792 tons) and 709 coastwise arrivals (253,237 tons) for the previous year. The foreign arrivals show an increase of 88 vessels (12,516 tons), and coastwise arrivals show an increase of 121 vessels (39,306 tons), the combined totals being an increase of 209 vessels (51,822 tons). Passenger vessels and fishing vessels are not included in these totals.

The following tables give details of the above arrivals :-

1. AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE PORT DURING THE YEAR

Table A.

	Number	Tonnage	Number inspected		Number reported defective	Number of vessels on which defects were remedied	Number of vessels reported as having, or having had, during the voyage infectious disease on board
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Sanitary Inspector			
Steam	14	3,167	0	6	0	0	0
Motor	110	15,141	1	52	0	0	0
Foreign Sail	Nil	--	--	--	--	--	--
Fishing	Nil	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total Foreign	124	18,308	1	58	0	0	0
Steam	472	220,229	0	63	5	1	0
Motor	358	72,314	0	43	1	1	0
Coastwise Sail	Nil	--	--	--	--	--	--
Fishing	No record	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total Coastwise	830	292,543	0	106	6	2	0
Total Foreign & Coastwise	954	310,851	1	164	6	2	0



<u>Nationality of Vessel</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Places of Discharge</u>		<u>No.</u>
British	762	The Basin	Hove	47
		Anglo-American Wharf	"	4
Dutch	149	Maxwells	"	1
		Shell-Mex	"	65
Allied Control	23	Halls	"	24
		Baltic	Portslade	5
Swedish	9	Bakers	"	2
		Wimpeys	"	27
Belgian	5	Gas	"	157
		Preston	"	93
Panamanian	4	Regent	"	56
		Cleveland	Southwick	6
Norwegian	1	Electricity	"	136
		Locks	"	1
Danish	1	Penneys	"	1
		Turberville	"	98
		Beves	Shoreham	10
		Kingston	"	20
		Chemical	"	8
		New	"	124
		Free	"	69
954				954

## II. CHARACTER OF TRADE OF PORT

### (a) Passenger Traffic

Passenger steamers have called at Brighton Pier from Coastwise ports during the summer months.

### (b) Cargo Traffic

Imports of foreign goods have included 48 cargoes of timber from Germany, Holland, Sweden and Finland, 33 cargoes of fruit from Fecamp, 23 cargoes of bricks from Antwerp, 4 cargoes of fertilizer from Antwerp, and 2 cargoes of potatoes from Jersey,

Coastwise cargoes have been principally coal (424 cargoes), from Queenborough, Goole, Hull, Hartlepool, Seaham, Sunderland, Tyne Ports, Blyth, Amble, Barry, Port Talbot and Newport, and oil (244 cargoes) mainly from Southampton.

Other coastwise arrivals include 104 cargoes of slag and stone from Middlesborough, Newlyn, Porthoustock, Berry Head, and Plymouth, and 18 cargoes of potatoes from Kings Lynn, Boston Grimsby and Leith.

Exports during the year comprise 33 cargoes of scrap iron to Middlesborough and West Hartlepool, 8 cargoes of tar and pitch to Southampton, Dunkirk, Rouen, Moss and Antwerp, flax to Esbjerg and scrap rubber to Hamburg.

### (c) Foreign Ports from which vessels have arrived

EIRE :- Dublin

CHANNEL ISLANDS:- Jersey

FRANCE :- Les Sables D'Olonne, Treport, Calais, Fecamp, Rouen

BELGIUM :- Antwerp, Ostend, Selzaete.

HOLLAND :- Rotterdam.

GERMANY:- Hamburg, Bremen, Leer, Papenburg, Lubeck, Emden.

NORWAY :- Kristiansand

SWEDEN :- Kristinehamn, Skutkar, Westerwick, Gothenburg, Ahus, Gruvon, Oskarshamn, Stallarholmen.

FINLAND :- Abo.



### III. SOURCE OF WATER SUPPLY

The water supply for the Port and for shipping is from the Brighton Corporation Waterworks. There are no water boats used at the Port.

### IV. PORT SANITARY REGULATIONS, 1933 & 1945

All vessels from foreign ports are boarded by H.M. Customs Officers immediately on arrival, and any case of existing or suspected infectious disease is notified by telephone. Declarations of Health are received from the Masters of foreign going ships by the Customs Officers and handed to the Sanitary Inspector. Inquiries are also made as to the existence of infectious diseases on foreign and coastwise vessels during the routine inspections.

A mooring station has been designated as required by Article 10 of these Regulations, and is situate in the Southwick Canal immediately west of the old locks. The provision of an additional mooring station outside the harbour is considered to be impracticable.

One ship has been detained for medical inspection of the crew under Articles 14 and 16 of these Regulations respecting the Detention of Ships, and Restrictions on boarding and leaving Ships.

No arrangements have been made for special premises and waiting room for medical examination. Such would have to be improvised if occasion should arise.

There is no station provided for the cleansing, disinfection and disinfection of infectious or verminous persons and their clothing, but facilities could be promptly obtained, if required, by arrangement with a neighbouring Sanitary Authority.

No arrangement has been made for the provision of temporary accommodation of persons for whom such may be required under the Regulations.

The Port Health Authority have an agreement with the Brighton Corporation for the removal and isolation of cases of infectious disease arriving at the Port, a motor ambulance being available for removals.

Facilities are available for the bacteriological examination of rats or other specimens at the Ralli Laboratory, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton.

Printed cards stating the place and time of Venereal Clinics available in the district have been given to the Masters of vessels for the information of the crews.

<u>Table C.</u>		
<u>Cases of Infectious Disease landed from Vessels</u>		
<u>Disease</u>	<u>No. of cases during the year</u>	<u>Average No. of cases for previous 5 years</u>
Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

No cases of infectious disease have been reported as occurring on vessels during the voyage and disposed of prior to arrival.

### V. MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS

Inspections and enquiries have been made in respect of rat infestation and evidence of rat infestation has been found on one coastwise vessel on which no rats were found after treatment. Rat guards are available for use when required to prevent the passage of rats between ships and shore.

No facilities are available locally for deratisation by gassing, but a supply of poison is kept, and arrangements could be promptly made for the services of a rat catcher if required.

No "infected or "suspected" vessel from plague infected ports has arrived during the year.

The port is not on the list of ports approved by the Ministry of Health for the issue of Deratisation and Deratisation



Exemption Certificates in accordance with the provisions of Article 28 of the International Sanitary Convention of 1926.

## VI. HYGIENE OF CREWS SPACES

Table J.

Classification of Nuisances				
Nationality of vessel	Number inspected during the year	Defects of original construction	Structural defects through wear and tear	Dirt, vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health
British	99	0	3	4
Other Nations	65	0	0	0

Six notices have been served in respect of the defects or nuisances found, two of which have been found remedied.

## VII. FOOD INSPECTION

33 cargoes of tomatoes, plums, peaches, pears, melons and grapes, have arrived from Fecamp, 2 cargoes of potatoes from Jersey, and 18 cargoes of potatoes from coastwise ports. These have all arrived in sound condition.

Public notices have been posted forbidding the removal or taking for sale of any shell-fish from the Harbour and the waters of the river Adur between the entrance to the Harbour and the town of Shoreham-by-Sea. No instance of selling shell-fish taken from the prohibited area has been observed.

## VIII. STAFF

The Staff of the Authority are part-time officers. I have acted as Medical Officer of Health since the retirement of Dr. A. G. K. Ledger. The Sanitary Inspector, Mr. J. W. Thurman, is also the Sanitary Inspector to the Shoreham-by-Sea Urban District Council.

Mr. A. H. Holt, Housing Manager of the County Borough of Brighton, acts as assistant Sanitary Inspector for the Port Health Authority for duties at Brighton, and Mr. T. A. Hardley, Sanitary Inspector to the Southwick Urban District Council, is the deputy Sanitary Inspector.

In conclusion I desire to express my thanks to Mr. Thurman for the great help he has afforded me, and to the Officer in charge of Customs for his valued co-operation at all times.

I am, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

ANTHONY J. PARTRIDGE,

Acting Medical Officer of  
Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
New Shoreham Port Health Authority.

